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NAVAL ACTIVITY

GULF OF TONKIN AREA, CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION OF SHANGHAI-CLASS PTF AT PEI-HAI AND HSIN-HSING-SHIH. THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF TRAWLER-TYPE VESSELS AT HSIN-HSING-SHIH.

2. REMARKS:

NONE

3. LOCATION:

PEI-HAI NAVAL FACILITY; LOCATED 1.5 NM WEST OF PEI-HAI, APPROXIMATELY 70 NM EAST OF THE CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER, AT 2129N 10904E.

HSIN-HSING-SHIH NAVAL BASE AND PORT; LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST EDGE OF HSIN-HSING-SHIH ON HAI-NAN TAO (ISLAND) AT 1953N 10931E.

4. COLLATERAL:

PEI-HAI NAVAL FACILITIES: DIA INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 182-66, 5 AUGUST 1966, REPORTS THAT AN UNTESTED SOURCE CLAIMED THAT A UNIT WAS FORMED RECENTLY, WITH ITS HEADQUARTERS AT PEI-HAI, TO MOVE SUPPLIES FROM PEI-HAI TO NORTH VIETNAM.

A LAND TRANSPORT UNIT EQUIPPED WITH MORE THAN 400 TRUCKS IS SAID

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TO MOVE SUPPLIES FROM NAN-NING AND CHAN-CHIANG TO PEI-HAI, USUALLY AT NIGHT. FROM THERE THEY ARE TRANSPORTED BY 2,000- TO 3,000-TON CARGO SHIPS, ESCORTED BY GUN BOATS, TO NORTH VIETNAM.

THE PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AT PEI-HAI HERETOFORE HAVE BEEN FISHING AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF SMALL CRAFT, INCLUDING NAVAL PATROL VESSELS. SHALLOW WATER ALONG THE WHARF PRECLUDES THE LOADING OF CRAFT LARGER THAN JUNKS, BARGES, AND LIGHTERS. SEVERAL ANCHORAGES IN THE HARBOR CAN ACCOMMODATE COASTAL AND POSSIBLY SMALL OCEAN-GOING CARGO VESSELS. THE PORT HAS 406,000 SQUARE FEET OF COVERED, GENERAL CARGO SPACE, 12 ACRES FOR OPEN STORAGE, AND 3 SMALL POL TANKS.

HSIN-HSING-SHIH NAVAL BASE AND PORT: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

INFORMATION REPORT [REDACTED] REPORTS THE SIGHTING ON 27 JUNE OF TWO CHINESE COMMUNIST ARMED FISHING TRAWLERS (NOS 212 AND 218) IN THE GULF OF TONKIN AT 1903N 10818E HEADING NORTHEAST. BOTH VESSELS WERE UNIFORMLY GREY, OF ALMOST IDENTICAL CONSTRUCTION, STEEL-HULLED, WITH AN ESTIMATED LENGTH OF 100 FEET.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMATION REPORT [REDACTED] DISCUSSES 5 KNOWN INSTANCES OF LARGE COMMUNIST STEEL-HULLED TRAWLERS INFILTRATING OR ATTEMPTING TO INFILTRATE SOUTH VIETNAM BETWEEN OCTOBER

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1964 AND MAY 1966. ONE OF THESE TRAWLERS, DESTROYED IN MAY 1966, WAS 110 FT IN LENGTH BY 22 FT IN THE BEAM. TWO OF THESE TRAWLERS HAD BEEN NOTED IN THE HAI-NAN TAO VICINITY.

5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

PEI-HAI NAVAL FACILITY;

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HSIN-HSING-SHIH NAVAL BASE AND PORT;

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6. NEGATION DATE:

NOT AVAILABLE.

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

PEI-HAI NAVAL FACILITY: ONE KH-4 MISSION.

HSIN-HSING-SHIH NAVAL BASE AND PORT: AND 3 KH-4 MISSIONS.

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8. DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS:

TWO OF THE TRAWLERS OBSERVED ON THIS MISSION AT HSIN-HSING-SHIH

(ON GRAPHIC).

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9. MISSION READOUT:

PEI-HAI NAVAL FACILITY: THIS MISSION REVEALS 2 PROBABLE SHANGHAI-CLASS PTF. FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE L-HEAD PIER SERVED BY A ROAD FROM PEI-HAI.

HSIN-HSING-SHIH NAVAL BASE AND PORT: THIS MISSION REVEALS 1 PROBABLE SHANGHAI-CLASS PTF AND 10 TRAWLER-TYPE VESSELS (2 ON MARINE

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RAILWAY). NAVAL FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE BREAKWATER/PIER WITH A FLOATING FINGER PIER ATTACHED, A 4-TRACK MARINE RAILWAY AND ONE SUPPORT BUILDING ON AN OFFSHORE MOLE (CONNECTED TO LAND BY A CAUSEWAY), 3 EARTH-COVERED/CAMOUFLAGED PROBABLE STORAGE BUNKERS AND AN EXCAVATION WHICH COULD ENCLOSE A FOURTH BUNKER, ONE SMALL VERTICAL TANK, 1 WATER TOWER, AND APPROXIMATELY 50 ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS (2 UNDER CONSTRUCTION).

PORT FACILITIES INCLUDE 2 FINGER PIERS, 2 QUAYS, AND ONE WAREHOUSE.

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PEI-HAI NAVAL FACILITY

21-29N 109-04E

2 PROB SHANGHAI-CLASS PTF

PEI-HAI 1.5 NM

7X ENLARGEMENT

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HSIN-HSING-SHIH NAVAL BASE AND PORT

19-53N 109-31E

PROB SHANGHAI-CLASS PTF

BUNKERS

10 TRAWLER-TYPE VESSELS

7X ENLARGEMENT

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